

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Claim 1-47 (Cancelled):

Claim 48 (New):

A fastener assembly, comprising:

- a) a body including a torque transmitter and threads; and
- b) a cap retained on the body.

Claim 49 (New):

The fastener assembly according to claim 48, further comprising at least one groove on the body that, at least in part, retains the cap.

Claim 50 (New):

The fastener assembly according to claim 48, wherein the cap is, at least in part, retained on the body through an interference fit.

Claim 51 (New):

The fastener assembly according to claim 48, further comprising a plurality of notches that, at least in part, retain the cap on the body.

Claim 52 (New):

The fastener assembly according to claim 48, further comprising an annular bearing surface that is provided on the body.

Claim 53 (New):

The fastener assembly according to claim 48, further comprising an annular bearing surface that is provided on the body and generally spherically convex.

Claim 54 (New):

The fastener assembly according to claim 48, further comprising an annular bearing surface that is located on the body adjacent to a generally cylindrical surface.

Claim 55 (New):

The fastener assembly according to claim 48, further comprising a washer.

Claim 56 (New):

The fastener assembly according to claim 48, wherein the body is a nut.

Claim 57 (New):

The fastener assembly according to claim 48, wherein, at least a portion of the torque transmitter is fashioned into a plurality of notches that, at least in part, retain the cap.

Claim 58 (New):

A fastener assembly, comprising:

- a) a body including a torque transmitter and an annular bearing surface;
- b) the torque transmitter is generally hexagonal in shape and provided with a groove;
- c) the groove, at least in part, retains a cap on the body;
- d) the cap includes a stainless steel material and is shaped according to the grooved body; and
- e) the annular bearing surface on the body is spherically convex in shape.

Claim 59 (New):

The fastener assembly according to claim 58, wherein the annular bearing surface is located adjacent to a generally cylindrical surface.

Claim 60 (New):

A fastener assembly, comprising:

- a) a body including a torque transmitter and an annular bearing surface;
- b) the torque transmitter includes a groove that, at least in part, retains a cap on the body;
- c) the cap includes a stainless steel material and is shaped according to the grooved body so that when the body is torqued an interference fit is achieved between the cap and the body; and

- d) the annular bearing surface on the body is spherically convex in shape.

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Claim 61 (New):

The fastener assembly according to claim 60, wherein the annular bearing surface is located adjacent to a generally cylindrical surface.

Claim 62 (New):

A fastener assembly, comprising:

- a) a body including a torque transmitter and an annular bearing surface;
- b) the torque transmitter is generally hexagonal in shape and provided with a groove;
- c) the groove, at least in part, retains a cap on the body;
- d) the cap includes a stainless steel material and is shaped, at least in part, to fit within the groove on the body; and
- e) the annular bearing surface on the body is spherically convex in shape.

Claim 63 (New):

The fastener assembly according to claim 62, wherein the annular bearing surface is located adjacent to a generally cylindrical surface.

Claim 64 (New):

A method for manufacturing a fastener assembly, comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a body that includes a torque transmitter;
- b) using a tool to provide at least a portion of the torque transmitter with at least one groove; and
- c) retaining a cap on the body, whereby the groove, at least in part, retains the cap on the body.

Claim 65 (New):

The method for manufacturing a fastener assembly of claim 64, wherein an interference fit that, at least in part, retains the cap on the body is provided between the cap and the body.

Claim 66 (New):

The method for manufacturing a fastener assembly of claim 64, further comprising the step of providing the body with a plurality of notches that, at least in part, retain the cap on the body.